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Youth Opportunity Center
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Inspection Date: May 26, 2016

Subsequent Visit Date(s): February 17, 2016
April 27, 2016

Technical Assistance Date(s): January 21, 2016
June 2, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards are in the process of being adopted, therefore the 19th annual evaluation of the Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity Center consisted of an audit of the current 26 mandatory compliance standards or the corresponding 16 newly proposed mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance”.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Delaware
Governing authority	Youth Opportunity Center
Name of facility administrator	David Dickerson
Detention facility’s mission	Not provided
Rated capacity	42
Population on date of audit	28
Average daily population for the last 12	32

months	
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	Not provided
Year the building was built	1997
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Painting; flooring in showers
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	None
De-escalation techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Physical force techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Chemical agents permitted	No
Name of food service provider	Youth Opportunity Center
Name of food service supervisor	Debbie Epperson
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Dr. Mark Reedy, MD
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Dr. Craig Buckles, MD Psychiatrist

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott
File Review of the 26 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and free of odor.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four youth, two females and two males, all with two or more previous detention stays, were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • Youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth reported not receiving enough food to meet their needs. • One youth reported youth spending too much time on lockdown each day. • Youth comments were shared with facility administrators.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing visitation hours for parents traveling more than an hour to visit youth • Increasing telephone use privileges

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 2/17/2016, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Delaware County / Youth Opportunity Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Williams. Youth were observed participating in education, and the facility population count was 35. The youth

appeared to be in good health, and the sleeping rooms, dayroom and shower areas were clean and well maintained.

On 4/27/2016, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Delaware County / Youth Opportunity Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Director Williams. Youth were observed participating in education, and the facility population count was 26. All youth appeared to be in good health. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and the sanitation level in the facility was satisfactory.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT(S)

The Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity Center's education technical assistance visit occurred on 1/20/16 and was conducted by Kristin Herrmann. The education program follows the local school corporation's calendar and provides special programming during extended breaks. An instructional day is two and a half hours and is supplemented with reading time. Instruction is delivered via an on-site, licensed classroom teacher either utilizing a curriculum created at the facility, overseeing an approved online instructional program or facilitating work assigned from the juvenile's home school. The method of instruction depends on the juvenile's need. Program staff includes one full-time teacher and one full-time aide.

The Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity Center's training and development technical assistance visit occurred on 6/2/16 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Kristin Herrmann. The technical assistance provided included identifying key changes to the standards, answering questions, and discussing the facility's training plan.

CONCLUSION

Delaware County Juvenile Detention Center Youth Opportunity Center is in full compliance with the 2016 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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